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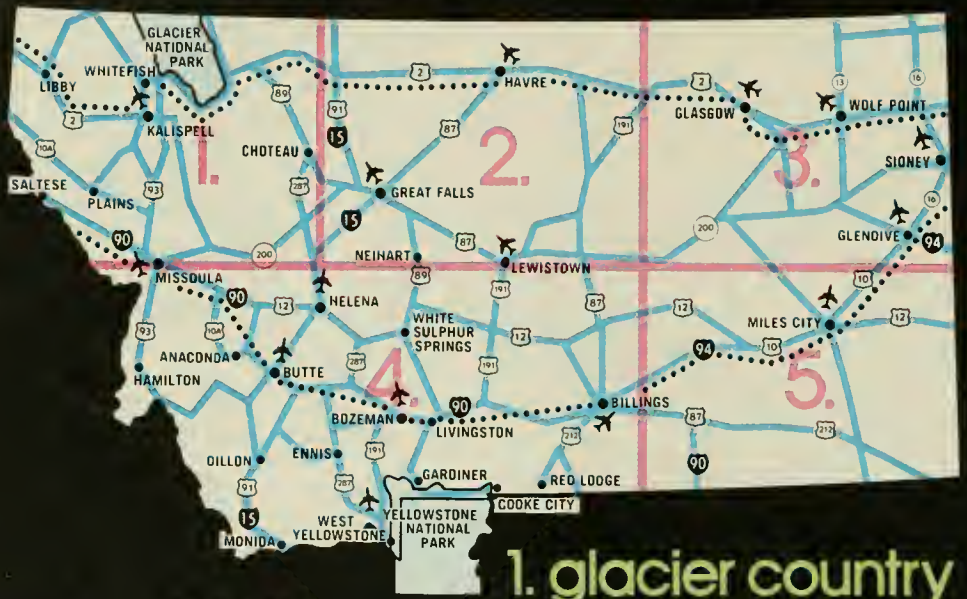

1. glacier country

the Crown Jewel of the Big Sky Country...bring your camera and lots of film

2. charlie russell country

America's favorite cowboy artist painted it as it was and as you can still see it today

3. missouri river country

land of lakes, rivers, rolling prairies and a million stars at night

4. yellowstone treasure country

bigger than most states and blessed with beauty you'll always remember

5. custer country

the old west of song and legend still lives and here is where you'll find it

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1. glacier country

The Crown of the Continent i
Montana's Glacier Country...
sparkling jewel in the chain o
cloud-scraping Rocky Mountains
Taking its name from Glacie
National Park this northwestern
section of the Big Sky Countr
offers a paradise of snow-duste
peaks, gleaming lakes, sparklin
waterfalls and mile upon mile o
wilderness and primitive areas an
forest recreation lands. Visit gian
Flathead Lake, discover the man
historic sites, two major India

reservations, pitch your tent in state parks and explore historic mining areas. See a real live glacier and wander through a grove of ancient giant cedars. Visit cherry orchards, Christmas tree farms, lumber mills. Photograph deer, elk, bear, mountain sheep, mountain goats and bison. It's all here for your enjoyment. As in all the other "countries" of the Big Sky Country you will find modern accommodations year around... and plenty of good highways to get there. Name your pleasure... it's MONTANA's Glacier Country.

2. charlie russell country

Western artist Charles M. Russell began his career in this portion of Montana as a teen-age cowboy in the 1880's...he lived in and painted much of this area until his death in 1926. You will see outstanding collections of his original oils and bronzes in the Historical Society Museum at Helena and in the C. M. Russell Gallery in Great Falls. As you travel Charlie Russell Country you will see everything from missions to missiles...follow portions of the Lewis and Clark Trail and the Old West Trail...visit two Indian reservations and one of Montana's largest cities. Montana's history is here today...captured on canvas and in bronzes...but also alive and exciting to re-live. See this West of yesterday and today in MONTANA's Charlie Russell Country.

3. missouri river country

The Missouri River, born near Three Forks, Montana, has played an important part in the discovery, exploration and development of the state. As it winds its way north and east it offers hundreds of miles of fishing, boating, water skiing, swimming...and along its rambling shores are camping and picnic sites, rock hound areas, favored hunting and exploring spots, secluded hiking or resting spots, and fascinating wild life refuges. The Missouri reaches the peak of magnificence as it becomes giant Fort Peck Lake, backing up 135 miles behind Fort Peck Dam, one of the world's largest. Missouri River Country is a land of lakes, rivers, rolling prairies and a million stars at night. It's here for your enjoyment...come find it.

4. yellowstone treasure country

No doubt about it...one of the world's great travel sights is Yellowstone National Park. Three of its five entrances are in Montana ...and surrounding these entrances is one of the most magnificent of all vacation areas in western U.S. It's a blend of the Old and the New West with vacation adventure for everyone. See modern western cities and towns or historic mining towns, dig for sapphires or pan for gold, enjoy the clear fresh lakes of the high country or fish famous blue ribbon trout streams. Explore wilderness areas or visit modern cultural centers. Climb the highest mountain or visit an awesome cave. Follow the Lewis and Clark Trail of 1805-06, travel new modern interstate highways or penetrate rugged country where you'll need a four-wheel drive vehicle. Join happy crowds or get away from it all...relax at a dude ranch, visit natural hot springs... or just sit and soak up the grandeur. This year see Yellowstone...then stay to play some more in MONTANA's Yellowstone Treasure Country.

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5. custer country

In 1876 Lt. Col. George A. Custer and every member of his command became instant legend. It was the historic defeat at the hands of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors at the battle of the Little Bighorn. Today that battlefield in south-eastern Montana is a National Monument memorializing one of the last armed Indian efforts against the westward march of the white man's civilization. At the Custer Battlefield you'll re-live the history of the battle; you can drive the circle tour in the comfort of your own car, visit the museum and see the actual battle relics. Nearby you can visit two Indian reservations with a major new recreation area. Not far away is Pompeys Pillar where Captain William Clark carved his name in 1806. It's an area of history, of cattle, oil, coal, sugarbeets and agates. It's MONTANA's Custer Country.